

AUGUST 18 , 2025

REGULAR SESSION

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 18, 2025, in their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana, 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Commissioners, Mr. Terry A. Martin, Mr. Peter A. Cook, and Mr. Kevin R. Myers; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry Martin, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J.O. MORY, INC. - GENERATORS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, explained that she is holding a bid bond check for J.O. Mory Inc. from the generators that were purchased and installed. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to return the check to J.O. Mory Inc. as the project is completed. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SUICIDE / OVERDOSE AWARENESS EVENT

Mrs. Cheri Perkins explained that she is on the Mental Health Substance Abuse Board for LaGrange County. On September 24, 2025 there is a suicide / overdose awareness event at Prairie Heights High School. She would like for the County to be an event sponsor for \$1,000, and pay for it out of the Opioid Settlement fund. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE – STORM READY

Mr. Dustin Norman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, was present. He has been working with Mr. Bill Morr, Emergency Management Agency Director, ensuring that LaGrange County is prepared for weather emergencies. Mr. Norman presented a letter, certificate and a sign stating that LaGrange County is Storm Ready.

HIGHWAY – SALT

Mr. Aaron Fugate, Highway Supervisor, explained that he would like to order salt through the Statewide Road Salt Program, using Compass Mineral America Inc as the vendor and QPA 93601. The cost is \$84.11 per ton for 2000 tons of salt. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RECORDER – AGREEMENT WITH HF GROUP TO RESTORE PLAT BOOKS

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder. She would like to restore six of the original plat books. She presented an agreement from HF Group, in the amount of \$10,950. She has the funds in the Recorder's Records Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK – REQUEST TO REPLACE ENGINE IN 2018 CHEVROLET SILVERADO

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, presented two quotes to have the engine replaced in the 2018 Chevrolet Silverado that belonged to the Building Department, and use the truck in the Park Department. The lowest quote is from Hostetler Tire Auto in the amount of \$13,321.20. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PARK -REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to apply for a grant from the LaGrange County Community Foundation in the amount of \$25,000, a grant from the Olive B. Cole Foundation in the amount of \$20,000, and a grant from Dekko in the amount of \$20,000. The grants would be used toward installing new playground equipment and pickleball courts at Dallas Lake Park. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve applying for the grants. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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PARK - FUNDRAISER REQUEST

Mrs. Mary Franke, Park Director, requested permission to hold a chicken barbeque fundraiser on October 11, 2025. The proceeds would go towards lights for the Trail of Lights. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – PERMISSION TO PURCHASE VEHICLE

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, explained that they recently had a vehicle that was totaled, and they will receive \$33,500 from insurance for that vehicle. He presented a quote from John Jones for a 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit vehicle in the amount of \$43,472.50. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the new vehicle. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF - FUNDRAISER REQUEST

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, requested permission to hold the annual honor ride fundraiser this year on August 23, 2025. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SHERIFF – SALE OF VEHICLES

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, reported that he has received bids for the sale of vehicles. The highest bid for the 2016 Dodge Charger is \$4,555 and the highest bid for the 2022 Dodge Durango is \$17,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to sell the vehicle and to authorize the President to sign the titles. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – AGREEMENT WITH NEW ERA TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Marc Peterson, Information Technology Director, presented an agreement with New Era Technology. They will provide support and on-site service for the audio video equipment in the Commissioner's room in the amount of \$3,200. The term of the agreement is one year, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion approve the agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – AGREEMENT WITH SPYGLASS

Mr. Marc Peterson, Information Technology Director, presented an agreement with The SpyGlass Group, LLC. They will analyze telecommunication service accounts to seek cost recovery, service elimination, and cost reduction recommendations. They receive 50% of any cost recovery and savings. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

Mr. Bill Morr, Emergency Management Agency Director, would like permission to attend training at Texas A&M University, March 2-5, 2026. The Federal Emergency Management Agency pays for the hotel and flight and there is no cost to the County. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2025 regular session and the August 11, 2025 Special Joint Session. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the memorandum for the August 13, 2025 staff meeting and the August 13, 2025 Executive Session. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

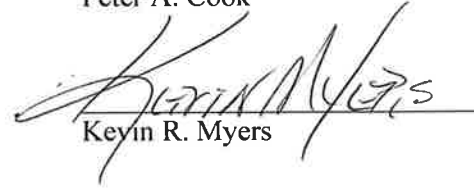
CORRESPONDENCE

LaGrange County Clerk of the Circuit Court – July 2025 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, Forest River LaGrange Complex, 1500 N Detroit Street and 290 West Dutch Drive, LaGrange, IN 46761, FESOP – Reopen Administrative Amendment, Permit Number 087-49164-00685

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Terry A. Martin
Peter A. Cook
Kevin R. Myers

ATTEST:


Kathryn Hopper
LaGrange County Auditor

